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COUNTRY

AFGHANISTAN

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2 OCTOBER 1973

SUBJECT

POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS IN AFGHANISTAN OF THE BEATH OF FORMER

PRIME MINISTER MAIWANDWAL

ON 2 OCTOBER 1973 FORMER AFGHAN

PRIME MINISTER MAIWANDWAL, IMPRISONED ON 20 SEPTEMBER 1973 FOR "ANTI-

REGIME ACTIVITIES." WAS REPORTED BY RADIO KABUL TO HAVE HANGED HIMSELF EARLY ON THE MORNING OF 1 OCTOBER.

IN HIS CELL/ THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS CONTAIN AN ANALYSIS

OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN KABUL WHICH HAS

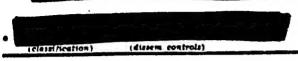
DEVELOPED SINCE MAINANDWAL'S ALLEGED SUICIDE.)

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- 2. KABUL IS BECOMING ANOTHER BAGHDAD. MAIWANDWAL'S DEATH WILL BE LAMENTED AND NOTED BY THE THOUSANDS OF KINFOLK OF ARRESTEES AND DETAINEES NOW BEING HELD BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT MOHAMMAD DAUD FOR "ANTI-REGIME ACTIVITIES." EACH WILL DRAW A DIFFERENT SPECIFIC CONCLUSION, BUT ALL WILL FAULT THE GOVERNMENT. THE GOVERNMENT, IN TURN, WILL NOW BE OBLIGED TO GO EITHER TO ALL-OUT SUPPRESSION OR DO SOMETHING TO ENGENDER POPULAR SUPPORT.
- TRAITOR" AND "A CONSPIRATOR" WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT FACE VALUE IN

 AFGHANISTAN. HE MIGHT WELL HAVE ACTED TO FRUSTRATE THE GOVERNMENT
 AS HE WOULD KNOW THAT HIS DEATH WOULD END HIS PERSONAL TRAVAIL, BUT
 HE WOULD HAVE ALSO KNOWN THAT THIS DEATH IN PRISON WOULD HURT HIS
 JAILORS AND THAT THE REGIME COULD NOT EVADE RESPONSIBILITY. MAIWANDWAL
 WILL BECOME A MARTYR TO INTELLECTUALS AND WOULD-BE "FREEDOM LOYERS."
 - 4. PRESIDENT DAUD AND HIS BROTHER AND FOREMOST POLITICAL ADVISOR, MOHAMMAD NAIM, HAVE ASKED FOR COPIES OF SEVERAL FOREIGN CONSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING THE ALGERIAN, TUNISIAN, AND FRENCH CONSTITUTIONS, TO BE SENT TO KABUL. NAIM HAS PROBABLY TOLD DAUD THAT THEY MUST THINK AHEAD AND CANNOT LEAVE MATTERS TO THE "CENTRAL COMMITTEE"

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AND THEIR ILK. THE REQUEST FOR THE CONSTITUTIONS IS AN ENCOURAGING SPOT IN AN OTHERWISE BLEAK PICTURE.

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